

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6105**

Chapter 192, Laws of 2012

62nd Legislature  
2012 Regular Session

PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/07/12

Passed by the Senate March 5, 2012  
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House February 27, 2012  
YEAS 96 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved March 29, 2012, 7:28 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6105** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

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**Secretary**

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March 29, 2012

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Hatfield, Conway, Becker, Keiser, and Shin)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the prescription monitoring program; and  
2 amending RCW 70.225.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.225.020 and 2007 c 259 s 43 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) When sufficient funding is provided for such purpose through  
7 federal or private grants, or is appropriated by the legislature, the  
8 department shall establish and maintain a prescription monitoring  
9 program to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of all Schedules II,  
10 III, IV, and V controlled substances and any additional drugs  
11 identified by the board of pharmacy as demonstrating a potential for  
12 abuse by all professionals licensed to prescribe or dispense such  
13 substances in this state. The program shall be designed to improve  
14 health care quality and effectiveness by reducing abuse of controlled  
15 substances, reducing duplicative prescribing and overprescribing of  
16 controlled substances, and improving controlled substance prescribing  
17 practices with the intent of eventually establishing an electronic  
18 database available in real time to dispensers and prescribers of

1 (~~control~~~~[controlled]~~) controlled substances. As much as possible,  
2 the department should establish a common database with other states.

3 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, each  
4 dispenser shall submit to the department by electronic means  
5 information regarding each prescription dispensed for a drug included  
6 under subsection (1) of this section. Drug prescriptions for more than  
7 (~~immediate~~) one day use should be reported. The information  
8 submitted for each prescription shall include, but not be limited to:

- 9 (a) Patient identifier;
- 10 (b) Drug dispensed;
- 11 (c) Date of dispensing;
- 12 (d) Quantity dispensed;
- 13 (e) Prescriber; and
- 14 (f) Dispenser.

15 (3) Each dispenser shall submit the information in accordance with  
16 transmission methods established by the department.

17 (4) The data submission requirements of subsections (1) through (3)  
18 of this section do not apply to:

19 (a) Medications provided to patients receiving inpatient services  
20 provided at hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW; or patients of  
21 such hospitals receiving services at the clinics, day surgery areas, or  
22 other settings within the hospital's license where the medications are  
23 administered in single doses; (~~or~~)

24 (b) Pharmacies operated by the department of corrections for the  
25 purpose of providing medications to offenders in department of  
26 corrections institutions who are receiving pharmaceutical services from  
27 a department of corrections pharmacy, except that the department of  
28 corrections must submit data related to each offender's current  
29 prescriptions for controlled substances upon the offender's release  
30 from a department of corrections institution; or

31 (c) Veterinarians licensed under chapter 18.92 RCW. The  
32 department, in collaboration with the veterinary board of governors,  
33 shall establish alternative data reporting requirements for  
34 veterinarians that allow veterinarians to report:

- 35 (i) By either electronic or nonelectronic methods;
- 36 (ii) Only those data elements that are relevant to veterinary  
37 practices and necessary to accomplish the public protection goals of  
38 this chapter; and

1        (iii) No more frequently than once every three months and no less  
2 frequently than once every six months.

3        (5) The department shall seek federal grants to support the  
4 activities described in chapter 259, Laws of 2007. The department may  
5 not require a practitioner or a pharmacist to pay a fee or tax  
6 specifically dedicated to the operation of the system.

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